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SUBJECT: EXIT ROUTES OF CUBAN REFUGEES

REFERENCE: A. KINGSTON 2090 B. STATE 82859 C. STATE 47802

1. KINGSTON 2090 OF 14 FEBRUARY (REFTEL A) REPORTED ON
SAME STORY AS THAT WHICH APPEARED IN MIAMI HERALD FEB 15
(REFTEL B).

2. EMBASSY HAS FOR WEEKS BEEN ATTEMPTING TO DETERMINE SOURCE
OF STORY. FINALLY, ON MARCH 8, FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL
INFORMED EMBASSY OFFICER THAT STORY DID NOT ORIGINATE FROM
JAMAICAN GOVERNMENT. STORY DOES NOT REPRESENT OFFICIAL
POLICY. THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN JAMAICAN POLICY TOWARDS
CUBANS, REFUGEES OR OTHERWISE, TRAVELLING TO JAMAICA
(REFTEL C). JAMAICAN EMBASSY HAVANA CONTINUES TO ISSUE
VISAS TO CUBANS WISHING TO TRANSIT JAMAICA OR THOSE
COMING TO JAMAICA TO APPLY FOR VISAS TO A THIRD COUNTRY.
FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL SUGGESTED THAT PERHAPS THE CUBANS
WERE SOMEHOW RESPONSIBLE FOR THE NEWSPAPER ARTICLE BUT
THERE WAS NO ELABORATION ON THIS POSSIBILITY.

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3. IN RESPONSE TO PARA 4, REFTTEL C, CUBANS SEEKING
VISAS TO JAMAICA APPLY AT THE JAMAICAN EMBASSY, HAVANA.
JAMAICAN AUTHORITIES USUALLY REQUEST EVIDENCE OF ABILITY
OR INTENTION TO TRAVEL TO A THIRD COUNTRY. SINCE THE
OPENING OF USINT, HAVANA, JAMAICAN EMBASSY OFFICIALS
IN HAVANA HAVE BEEN INFORMING CUBANS THAT VISAS FOR THE
U.S. CAN BE OBTAINED THERE. THEY HAVE NOT, HOWEVER,

REFUSED TO ACCEPT THE VISA APPLICATION OF CUBANS WISHING
TO TRAVEL TO JAMAICA TO APPLY FOR VISAS TO THE U.S.
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